

BARBARA C. LOWE.

JUNE 2, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STALLINGS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1279.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1279) granting a pension to Mrs. B. C. Lowe, have considered the same and report:

The claimant is the widow of William M. Lowe, who enlisted June 16, 1848, in Captain Warfield's company of Texas Mounted Volunteers (Mexican war) and was mustered out with company December 16, 1848. The records of the War Department show that the company was called into the service of the United States by the governor of Texas, under authority of the Secretary of War, for the protection of the frontier against Mexican and Indian excursions, and the records further show that two men were killed and one man wounded in engagements with Indians during the company's period of service.

The soldier made application for a pension under the Mexican war service pension act of January 29, 1887, and the same was allowed, but after his death, which occurred November 28, 1894, his widow's claim was rejected on the ground that his service was not in Mexico or on the coast or frontier thereof.

Mrs. Lowe married the soldier in January, 1859, and she is now about 61 years old. Her status as the legal widow of the soldier was fully established at the Pension Bureau, and she has been allowed the accrued pension due on his last quarterly payment.

From medical testimony on file at the Pension Bureau it appears that Mrs. Lowe is a sufferer from lung disease, and is in such an enfeebled condition that she can do nothing toward earning a support, and it is shown by the testimony of Andrew King and C. G. Burton, reputable citizens of Nevada, Mo. (Mr. Burton being an ex-Representative in Congress), that her only property is a life interest in her deceased husband's farm, the rental from which being no more than is necessary to pay taxes, insurance, repairs, and interest on a mortgage. The claimant has two minor children and is supported by daughters who teach

in the public schools. Her post-office address is Nevada, Vernon County, Mo.

Your committee believe that the service rendered by the soldier was sufficient to entitle his widow to the pension provided by the service-pension act above referred to, but the same having been denied her by the Pension Bureau the passage of the private act for her relief is respectfully recommended with the following amendments:

Change the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Barbara C. Lowe."

In line 6 strike out "Mrs. B." and insert in lieu thereof "Barbara."

In line 7 strike out "Captain Gillet and."

In line 8 strike out "during and."

In line 9 substitute "eight" for "twelve," so as to fix the pension at \$8 per month.

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